



## East Valley RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

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## East Valley Adult Resources, RSVP

**2012-2013**

**Mesa, Arizona**

**Federal Legislative Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 9**

### PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s): **1, 3, 4, 5, 9**  
State Legislative District(s): **6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 23, 25, 26**  
Service Area by County/City: **Eastern Maricopa, Gila, Pinal counties**  
Project Federal Share: **\$124,902**  
Project Local Match: **\$54,815**  
Community Volunteers Recruited: **233**  
Volunteer Hours Served: **45,963**  
Value of Volunteer Hours: **\$922,937**  
\*2011 Independent Sector Rate for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$20.08

### **Community Needs**

Healthy Futures: Most older adults (65+) and individuals with disabilities want to remain independent in their homes and communities, yet as they age in place or acquire disabilities there is often not enough support available to meet needs.

Education: At-risk three and four year olds are performing two to three levels below expectations; without intervention the children will not enter kindergarten at the same level as peers.

Veterans: Insufficient access to benefits for veterans.

Other Community Needs: Issues are complicated and reach across traditional boundaries. Service programs address three factors: increased demand; intensified human service cases; dwindling resources.

### **National Priority Area: Healthy Futures**

- Increase social support for older adults and individuals with disabilities / chronic illnesses who are homebound.



### **Program Activities**

- 1) Healthy Futures: Food distribution, companionship, and elder abuse prevention services.
- 2) Education: Assistance in Head Start Classrooms
- 3) Veterans: Access to benefits; transportation to VA/medical appointments; Veterans History project; supporting other veterans' services (e.g. Stand Down events).
- 4) Other Community Needs: RSVP volunteers serve at nonprofit human service organizations, medical centers, and government agencies to help ensure cohesive provisions of service.

### **Program Impact**

Two-hundred thirty three (233) RSVP volunteers served in 68 volunteer stations in community throughout Arizona's eastern Maricopa, Gila, and Pinal counties during our 2012-2013 program year. New initiatives include Veterans' Initiative, Hispanic/Latino Initiative, and access to healthcare initiative recruiting 90 new volunteers for our communities' volunteer stations.



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## Mission

East Valley Adult Resources, Inc. offers a variety of opportunities for older adults to remain healthy, independent, and connected to community.

## Vision

Opportunities to connect, contribute and care for each other

## History

East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR) has offered the retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program since 2001 and it has grown to cover Arizona's eastern Maricopa, Gila, and Pinal counties which face critical human needs and human service challenges. These counties are diverse with urban, rural, frontier, and Native American / Indian Communities and therefore require creative ways in providing RSVP volunteers. For example, many of our RSVP volunteers are "seasonal" in that they live in Arizona for a portion of the year and in other parts of the country during the rest of the year. Our program provides the flexibility required to allow these and other RSVP to serve in one or more of 68 volunteer stations located throughout a large geographical area.



## Partnerships

A New Leaf	Mesa
A New Leaf (Mesa CAN)	Mesa
Assistance for Independent Living (AIL)	Mesa
Banner Gateway Medical Center	Gilbert
Banner Homecare And Hospice	Gilbert
Cardon Desert Medical Center	Mesa
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Casa Grande & Florence	Casa Grande & Florence
Casa De Amor Baptist Center	Mesa
Casa Grande Regional Medical Center	Casa Grande
CASA Southern Gila County	Globe
Chandler Center For The Arts	Chandler
Chandler Christian Community Center	Chandler
Chandler Police Dept.	Chandler
Chandler Regional Medical Center	Chandler
Chandler Senior Center	Chandler
Commemorative Air Force Airbase Arizona	Mesa
Coolidge Performing Arts Center	Coolidge
DES Voc Rehab Services	Gilbert
East Valley Adult Resources HDM	Mesa
East Valley RSVP Special Projects	Mesa
EMPACT	Tempe
F.O.R. Maricopa	Maricopa
Gila Aging Services	Payson
Gila County Historical Museum	Globe
Globe Senior Center Home Delivered Meals	Globe
Helen's Hope Chest	Mesa
Hospice of the Valley	Entire Area
Isabelle Hunt Memorial Public Library	Pine
Lutheran Social Service of the SW	Mesa
Manna Food Bank	Mesa
Maricopa County Head Start	Mesa
Mercy Gilbert Medical Center	Gilbert
Mesa Active Adult Center	Mesa
Mesa Arts & Cultural Division	Mesa
Mesa Police Department	Mesa
Mesa Public Library	Mesa
North Tempe Senior Center	Tempe
Open Hands Outreach	Coolidge
Paz De Cristo	Mesa
Pinal Hispanic Council – Fresh Start	Casa Grande
Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens	Casa Grande
Project C.U.R.E.	Tempe
Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun	Tempe
Red Mountain Active Adult Center	Mesa
Resurrection St. Ministry	Mesa
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona	Mesa
St. Vincent De Paul Dining Hall	Mesa
St. Vincent De Paul HDM	Phoenix
St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store	Mesa
Sunshine Acres Children's Home	Mesa
Symphony of the Southwest	Mesa
Tempe City Police Department	Tempe
Tempe City Volunteer Office	Tempe
Tempe St. Luke's Hospital	Tempe
Time Out Shelter	Payson
Tri-Community Food Bank	Mammoth
U of A, Project W.E.T.	Casa Grande
United Food Bank	Mesa